

The regular meeting of the North Town Council was held on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the North Town Hall. Mayor Jeffcoat and all Council members were present. The Mayor declared a quorum and called the meeting to Order. Visitors were welcomed.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

During the Water & Sewer report it was noted that penalties were high this month, but cut offs were down some. The men repaired 9 leaks and 6 sewer line problems. They installed a man hole on Partridge Lane at a problem area. There were no DHEC violations for the month in water or sewer.

It was reported that the Fire Department answered 21 calls during April. Five members attended and passed an OSHA sponsored class.

Chief Fallaw advised that Group A & B offense numbers were down this month. The officers provided 44 assistance calls and there were 49 traffic violation summons issued. He stated the Department is following up on the Abandoned Vehicle violation notices. He also noted that officers are working later hours, and that the Reserve Program is going well. Officer Faulk provided 40 hours of coverage last month, at no cost to the Town. The Chief also read a letter of commendation received regarding Officer Merkle. Ms. Cook stated she is seeing officers at "odd hours" and Mayor Jeffcoat stated it is good to hear good things about our officers.

The Mayor and Council reviewed and accepted April's financial and expense reports unanimously. It was noted that the \$30,000 received from TDS has been deposited into the savings account.

Second Reading was then given to recodification of the Town Ordinance Book. As a note, Mrs. Lane commented that all members were aware of some minor errors in the book, however, they do not change the intent of the law. Mayor Jeffcoat also noted that Carolina Municipal Codes is sending us the discs, and errors can be corrected. A motion to accept the recodified Ordinance Book, in its entirety, was made by Mr. Gleaton, seconded by Ms. Cook, and passed unanimously by Council. For the record, 1st reading was held on April 12, 2004, Public Hearing on May 10, 2004 at 7:00 PM, and final reading and passage tonight.

Mayor Jeffcoat then read a World War II Veterans Recognition Day Proclamation, honoring those who served our Country during that time.

During a meeting on May 4, 2004, with Stewart, Newell and Cooper, the architects handling renovations to Town Hall, Mike Donkle advised that bids will be let in approximately 4 weeks. Actual work should begin around July 1. We

were advised the work would proceed more efficiently if we vacate Town Hall. We are looking at several buildings to rent for use during this time.

Mayor Jeffcoat advised that LSCOG has donated 3 good desks to the Town. They will be used once renovations are completed.

Town Hall hours and Holidays have been posted at the Town Hall and Post Office. No change has been made to either in years, this is for public information only.

The Mayor then told about the Canadian lynx found at the Town's water tower yard. We received good, positive publicity for handling the situation in a professional and humane manner. Thanks to Chief Fallaw, Officer Merkle, Carl Tittle, and Willie Funchess, Jr. for a job well done. Special thanks to Mr. Bill O'Cain for answering our call for help.

We sent one last list of debris from the ice storm to Orangeburg County last week. The deadline has passed, however the County is to have someone remove it over the next 30 days.

Mayor Jeffcoat then presented a plaque to Marvin Downing, our Maintenance Superintendent, who is retiring on May 27, 2004. He has faithfully worked for the Town for over 21 years. Council thanked him for a job well done and wished him much happiness on his retirement.

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters was made by Ms. Cook, seconded by Mr. Drew, and passed unanimously by Council.

Rev. Wright then closed with a prayer.

Upon returning from Executive Session, a motion to reconvene regular session was made by Mrs. Lane, seconded by Ms. Cook and passed unanimously by Council.

A motion to present retirees a bonus of up to, but not to exceed, \$1000.00 was made by Mrs. Lane, seconded by Mr. Drew, and passed unanimously by Council.

A motion to allow Chief Fallaw to commission Gerald Hoffman as a reserve officer for the Town was made by Ms. Cook, seconded by Mrs. Lane, and passed unanimously by Council. The motion further stated that the Town would be responsible for expenses to equip Mr. Hoffman up to \$2000.00.

A motion to allow Keith Faulk to update our Town web site, and pay a \$20.00 per month domain fee, was made by Mrs. Lane, seconded by Ms. Cook, and passed unanimously by Council.

A motion to pay mileage expenses for Reserve Officers at the rate of .36 per mile was made by Ms. Cook, seconded by Mr. Drew, and passed unanimously by Council. Mileage will be from home to Town Hall and back.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Drew, seconded by Mr. Gleaton, and passed unanimously by Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl H. Townsend
Clerk

Approved by Mayor & Council:
